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Toledo Auto Dealership Unveils New Air Quality Control Equipment Financed by OAQDA
OAQDA and Kistler Ford Celebrate Body Shop Expansion

COLUMBUS – In observance of National Small Business Week, a major Toledo automobile dealership today unveiled a significant business expansion project focused on environmental preservation by reducing harmful air pollution. The project is made possible with \$250,000 in financing from the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA).

Three new paint booths are part of a major expansion project in the body and paint repair operation at Kistler Ford, 5555 W. Central Ave., Toledo. Financing by OAQDA through its Clean Air Resource Center (CARC) will make the paint process more energy efficient as well as control emissions through the latest air filter technology and use of water-based paints.

“We are pleased to celebrate the completion of this clean air facility project for Kistler Ford along with their greater expansion to serve the Toledo community. OAQDA makes special recognition of the important role of small businesses in Ohio’s economy and provides the cost-effective financing for achieving their environmental goals,” Christina O’Keeffe, OAQDA Executive Director, said.

The economic and environmental benefits of the new equipment include:

- The use of environmentally-friendly water based paints in the new booths;
- An up to 80 percent reduction in air contaminants and toxic emissions;
- A reduction in paint bake time by 25 percent;
- A reduction in energy costs by up to 40 percent during the flash drying process; and,
- Booths have more than 99 percent particulate removal efficiency, exceeding the 98 percent requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (6H) Area Source Rule.

The new system speeds the paint drying process by creating controlled airflow on the surface of

each vehicle and allowing the booths to act similarly to a convection oven. In addition, the system will increase energy efficiency and improve the quality of the final finish of vehicles.

“The new equipment allows us to improve the productivity of the body shop by boosting the drying time, minimize operation time and reduce energy costs,” Bobby Jorgensen, president of Kistler, said.

Jorgensen added that the three booths are equipped with technology that reduces energy consumption.

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The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, the Authority has provided technical and financial help to hundreds of large and small Ohio businesses, awarding more than \$8 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit its web site at www.ohioairquality.org.